



Press Release: Agency Responds to Wastewater Release to Ocean

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Monterey One Water (M1W) formerly known as Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency (MRWPCA) encountered an equipment control failure at the Regional Treatment Plant in Marina this morning and discharged untreated wastewater into the Monterey Bay through their ocean outfall discharge pipe. The discharge pipe extends out into the ocean two miles.

The Agency is still calculating the exact amount of wastewater released into the ocean but estimates are over a million gallons. M1W promptly notified the offices and appropriate personnel of the Marina Fire Department, Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, Monterey County Environmental Health Department and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). M1W staff immediately started sampling the local beaches near the spill site for elevated bacteria levels.

Results from these samples will be posted on the M1W's website immediately after they are compiled. Subsequent information will be provided on the Agency's website as it becomes available.

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